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15. (new) An alternator comprising:

a pair of opposing magnet wheels having a plurality of interlaced claw poles, each of the claw poles having a pair of lateral faces; and

a plurality of magnets extending between and contacting the lateral faces of adjacent poles,

wherein each of the magnets comprise two parts joined together with a flexible layer.

16. (new) The alternator of claim 15, wherein each of the magnets further comprises a flexible plate adhesively fixed to an outer circumferential face of the magnet.

17. (new) The alternator of claim 15, wherein each of the magnets further comprises a flexible plate adhesively fixed to an inner circumferential face of the magnet.

18. (new) A rotor comprising:

a pair of parallel plates;
a plurality of mutually interlaced claw-shaped poles extending from one of the plates toward another of the plates, each of the poles exhibiting two flat lateral faces; and

a plurality of permanent magnets accommodated between the lateral faces of adjacent pairs of the poles,

wherein the magnets further comprise means for absorbing relative movement of each of the poles.